

Marbletown O&W Rail Trail Committee Meeting
June 12, 2018
Minutes

Members present:

Carl Pezzino, Ron Pierce, Rich Hines, John Michalski, GeriAyn Gaul, Andy Lutz, Eric Stewart

Call To Order: Carl called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Old Business

0 As reported previously, the railings at Cottekill south and 213 south need staining again. This will need to be done soon with the possible replacement of one section on Lilac Hill. **Rich and Andy signed up to stain the railing south of 213 during the week of June 19th.**

0 Jill and Sandy are looking at historical markers such as those found along the Hurley trail to be located along our trail. **Jill McLean reported after the meeting that she and Sandy Sheeley will get with Timely Signs to obtain pricing for historical markers in the style of those along the Hurley O&W.** Carl suggested some potential spots: Hurley/Marbletown town line, Beaver Pond, Snyder silos, trestle bridge location, High Falls train station, Rest Plaus historic area, Hansen Grist Mill.

0 **John and Rich will look into clearing some debris along the drainage ditch from the silos south.**

0 **Rich will look into whether the bench near the bridge at the brook north of Cottekill needs to be rebuilt.**

0 The safety rail at Damon's crossing bridge still needs to be placed. Two 14 foot 2x6's are required. Rich reported that a lower safety rail at the bridge at Lilac Hill needs to be placed. Five 14 foot 2x4's are required. **Scott Davis is in the process of reviewing the safety conditions of all (7) the bridges along our trail. Expect a report before the next meeting.**

0 The swap of land, by lot line adjustment that will allow for parking for the rail trail on the south side of Rest Plaus road, is in abeyance. Other alternatives than a swap are being considered by the land owner. **Carl or Rich Parete will contact the land owner again.**

0 **Carl will send a note to Highway Superintendent George Dimler itemizing a number of rail trail projects that are beyond the resources of the committee. The committee will be copied on the request.**

0 The committee authorized the purchase of trailkeeper hats ala the current O&W coalition hats but with "Marbletown O&W Trailkeeper" on the back. These hats will only be distributed to committee members for their use. Hats will be paid for, at a cost of approximately \$13 each, through the trail budget. **Post meeting, 24 hats are now on order.**

0 More brochures were distributed to trailkeepers at the meeting. **Trailkeepers with kiosks on their segments can pick up brochures from Jill at Youth and Rec. Please keep the kiosks and local businesses full during the coming visitor season.**

0 A workparty of John, Rich, Dan and Carl installed the parking signs at the Cottekill Fire house. They look great. Thanks guys!! Two signs were placed on the eastern side of the rail trail parking area stating “No Vehicles Beyond This Point”. Another two signs were placed along the eastern side of the Fire Company blacktop parking area stating “Fire Company Parking Only”. 4x4 posts for the the signs were supplied from town trail inventory.

0 A workparty of John, Rich and Eric spread Dynagro top soil, donated by Ed Croswell, around the perimeter of the silos. **Now 20 Boston Ivy plants will be delivered by Eric to the silos. A small workparty, to be named, will plant the ivy in the very near future.**

0 The graffiti reported here last month included the arrow sign pointing out the curve and steep hill at Lilac Hill, two “Please respect property owner rights”, and the stop sign at the south Leggett road crossing have all been replaced by Rich and Carl. Tony Russo has contacted the school district to see if the art department can identify the “artist” by style as we did successfully last year. **One or two more “property rights” signs may need to be cleaned up or replaced.**

New Business

0 The old shed located south of Leggett Road came up for discussion. Now that it has been established in a survey by the adjacent property owner that the shed sits entirely on town property, the committee unanimously requests that the shed be moved by the owner if they want it, or be dismantled by the town through the highway department or contractor. **Eric will get this opinion of the committee to Supervisor Parete and the town board.**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 16th at 7pm at the MCC. (Note change due to vacations.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carl